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What are the signage requirements for Indiana's new smoke-free air law?

On July 1, 2012, Indiana's new Smoke-Free Air Law takes effect. All public places and places of employment in Indiana must post one or more of five types of signs, depending on the nature of the business. Below is a list of the five types of signs required by the Smoke-Free Air Law (HEA 1149).

Free signs are available from the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission at www.in.gov/atc. The Indiana State Department of Health's Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Commission also has signs available at www.breatheindiana.com. Additionally, businesses may print their own signs, provided they use the same, or other similar language, as specified for each sign below. There are no size, font type, font size, or color requirements for the signs.

1. "State Law Prohibits Smoking Within 8 Feet of this Entrance"

Must be posted at each public entrance to a public place or a place of employment.

An owner, operator, manager, or official in charge of a public place or place of employment shall post conspicuous signs at each public entrance that read "State Law Prohibits Smoking Within 8 Feet of this Entrance" or other similar language. I.C. 7.1-5-12-4(d).

2. "Cigarette Smoking is Prohibited"

Two or more signs must be posted inside a cigar bar or hookah bar that allows smoking of tobacco products (other than cigarettes).

The person in charge of the business posts in the establishment conspicuous signs that display the message that cigarette smoking is prohibited. I.C. 7.1-5-12-5(5)(F).

One sign must be posted inside a cigar specialty store that allows smoking of tobacco products (other than cigarettes).

The owner or operator of the store posts a conspicuous sign on the premises of the store that displays the message that cigarette smoking is prohibited. I.C. 7.1-5-12-5(10)(G).

3. "WARNING: Smoking Is Allowed In This Establishment"

Two or more signs must be posted inside an establishment exempt from the state smoking ban.

The owner, operator, manager, or official in charge of an establishment or premises in which smoking is allowed under this section shall post conspicuous signs in the establishment that read "WARNING: Smoking Is Allowed In This Establishment" or other similar language. I.C. 7.1-5-12-5(b).

4. "Smoking Is Prohibited By State Law"

Two or more signs must be posted at an establishment not exempt from the state smoking ban.

(b) The owner, operator, manager, or official in charge of a public place shall do the following: (1) Post conspicuous signs that read "Smoking Is Prohibited By State Law" or other similar language. I.C. 7.1-5-12-7(b).

5. "Smoking Is Prohibited In This Restaurant"

In addition to the "Smoking Is Prohibited By State Law" signs required above, a restaurant must post a conspicuous sign *at each entrance* to the restaurant informing the public that smoking is prohibited in the restaurant.

In addition to the requirements under subsection (b), the owner or operator of a restaurant shall post a conspicuous sign at each entrance to the restaurant informing the public that smoking is prohibited in the restaurant. I.C. 7.1-5-12-7(c).

Additional information is available about Indiana's new Smoke-Free Air Law online at www.in.gov/atc.

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